Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the nature of the punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A warning or something like that.

Training in Traffic duty.

64. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any Head constable of the Police Department was deputed outside the State during the current year for training in Traffic duty;

(b) whether the constables now doing traffic duty are men qualified for the same;

(c) whether there is any necessity for maintaining a Traffic Department apart from the regular investigating department?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No qualifications are prescribed for the post of traffic duty constables. They are given necessary instructions by the officers and they are getting experience gradually.

(c) For the proper and effective control of the ever increasing motor traffic, it is necessary to maintain a separate traffic staff.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are the constables given any special training in traffic duty?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there qualified men to give special training in traffic duty in the State now?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not exactly understand the question. In the matter of these duties there is always a corps of standardised signals regulating the traffic. Almost all these Inspectors know that and they teach them and give special training.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were they sent for any practical training outside the State?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir.

Invitation—Durbar.

65. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—

(a) a caste-war statement of the invitees to the Durbar held in connection with the Installation of His Highness the Maharaja;

(b) with the list of the names of the European gentlemen with their occupations, invited for the same?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Government do not think that any useful purpose will be served by placing on the table statement of the kind referred to. The invitations were not issued on a caste-war basis.

(b) The European gentlemen in the invitation list were:—

1. Mr. Barton Wright
2. ,, W. Grant
3. ,, J. E. Pitcairn
4. ,, J. J. Mcgregor

} M. L. C. Members, European Chamber of Commerce.

5. ,, W. G. Black
6. ,, M. Price, Port Officer.
7. ,, R. C. Bristow, Harbour-Engineer-in-Chief.
8. ,, A. G. Milne, Harbour Executive-Engineer.

Petition from Mr. M. K. Ganapathy Ayyar for promotion.

66. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any petition from Mr. M. K. Ganapathy Ayyar, Jailor, regarding his claims for promotion as Superintendent of Jails ; if so, will a copy of his petition be placed on the table of the House ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. A copy of the petition is placed on the table. (*Appendix I.*)

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the petition in (*Appendix I*), may I know what is the order and what was done with that petition ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The request for reconsideration was refused and he was told that he should be more considerate in using his language.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know which was the portion which was considered not in proper form ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The last sentence of para 2.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there an order to withdraw that portion ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has it been withdrawn ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said in answer to the previous question that the latest black mark was very recent. It is seen from the petition that he was given an increment at the time of the revision of pay consequent upon the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee. When he was given this increment were not his previous records considered ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To give an increment does not mean to absolve him from his past conduct.

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